

# Sheriff



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August 13, 2011

## DESTIN DECKHAND DESTROYS FISHING BOAT WITH “MOLOTOV COCKTAIL”



Mark Adam Salli

A Destin deckhand is charged with arson, burglary, and possessing and throwing a destructive device after he admitted torching a fishing boat last night (Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>) docked in the Destin Harbor behind Marabella Condominiums. The “Southern Belle” was destroyed and two nearby boats, a 30-foot Cabo and a 30-foot Carolina Express, were badly damaged in the blaze.

32-year old Mark Adam Salli said he was made at the boat captain because he owed him pay.

A Destin firefighter suffered minor injuries while battling the blaze and had to be transported to a local hospital.

Around 2 a.m. this morning, (Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>) Salli’s mother brought him to the OCSO Destin District Office where he admitted he had “blown up a boat”. Salli told Okaloosa deputies he poured gas on the floor of the boat and inside the cabin around 10:45 p.m. Friday night, August 12<sup>th</sup>. He then stood on the fish box at the end of the Southern Belle, lit a rag he had placed in a gas-filled Gatorade bottle, and tossed the bottle into the cabin, which immediately exploded.

The blast knocked Salli off the boat and onto the dock.

He is being held at the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

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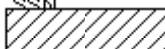
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ARREST REPORT

REPORT NO: OCSO11ARR008087

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO11OFF008629	Other No OCSO11CAD114604	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt  
 SALLI MARK ADAM W M 2/4/1979 32 510 140  
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN I.D. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID  
 HAZ BRO OCSO01MNI002971  S400541790440 FL E 174314

Birth Location: City: TUSCON County: State: AZ Nation: US Citizenship: US

Address

629 HARBOR BLVD DESTIN FL 32541

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: SOUTHERN BELLE FISHING, Job Title: DECKHAND, Entered: 8/13/2011

Business: SOUTHERN BELLE FISHING, Job Title: DECK HAND, Entered: 5/21/2010

Suite:

Business: 790 ON THE GULF, Job Title: CHEF, Entered: 7/25/2009

Suite:

Business: HARRY T'S REST, Job Title: , Entered: 3/16/2009

Suite:

Business: SOLEIL ET LUNA, Job Title: , Phone: (850)650-0332 Entered: 7/9/2003

Suite:

Business: A.J.'S, Job Title: COOK, Entered: 4/17/2001

116 E U S HIGHWAY 98 Suite: DESTIN FL 32541

Business: LOUISIANA LAGNIAPE, Job Title: FOOD SERVICE, Entered: 2/20/2001

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 8/13/2011 00:53 to 8/13/2011 00:53 Lat / Long  
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)  
 770 HARBOR BD DESTIN FL 32541 3 - 25 - -

[ CHARGES ]

790.161.1

EXPLOSIVES-USING

THROW PROJECT ETC ATTEMPT DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Not Applicable			5206	

806.01.1b

ARSON

ANY STRUCTURE WHERE PERSONS ARE NORMALLY PRESENT,IE CHURCHES, HOSPITAL

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	First	Not Applicable			2099	

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SECOND DEGREE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCC	AON	Bond Amount
2	Felony	Second	Not Applicable			2099	

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CAUSE BODILY HARM

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NC/C</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Misdemeanor	First	Not Applicable			2099	

810.02.2b

BURGL

DWELLING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE ARMED

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NC/C</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	First	Not Applicable			2299	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On August 12, 2011, at or about 10: 45 pm, the defendant Mark Adam Salli, entered the vessel "Southern Belle" (FL 9410ET) with the intent to set fire to the vessel. Upon entering the vessel, Mr. Salli forced the cabin door open and poured gasoline onto the floor and over the furnishings of the cabin. He then exited the cabin and stood on the "fish box" at the aft end of the vessel where he made a "Molotov Cocktail" out of a Gatorade bottle which contained gasoline by stuffing a rag into the top of the bottle. Mr. Salli lit the rag and threw the bottle into the cabin which immediately exploded, knocking Mr. Salli off the boat and onto the dock. The fire completely consumed the main portion of the vessel rendering it a total loss.

Mr. Salli was transported by his mother to the Destin District Office on August 13, 2011 at or about 02:00 am. Mr. Salli arrived at the office and called the communications center where he voluntarily furnished the information that he had "blown up a boat". Upon arrival of your affiant and D/S Les Wolthers, Mr. Salli provided a voluntary statement, post Miranda, where he admitted to setting the fire. Mr. Salli stated he went to The Happy Store, a convenience store located at the intersection of Harbor Blvd and Beach Drive where he purchased a one gallon gas can for this purpose. He filled the can with gasoline and transported the can of gas to 770 Harbor Blvd where the boat was docked. He then went to the boat slip where the Southern Belle was moored and accessed the cabin by forcing entry. He further admitted he started the fire by pouring the gas into the cabin and igniting it with the Molotov Cocktail. When asked why he did this, he indicated it was retribution for the boat captain not paying him wages which he had earned on the last fishing trip during the first week of August.

As a result of the fire on the Southern Belle, two yachts which were docked on either side of this vessel, The Barefoot (a 32 foot Cabo) and The Oswego (a 28 foot Carolina Express) were badly damaged along with the wooden dock where they were tied. The Destin Fire Department responded to the fire and while extinguishing the fire, one of the firefighters was injured and had to be transported to the hospital. The injuries suffered were not life threatening.

Witnesses at the scene, as well as the victim (Capt Jason Martin), indicated Mr. Salli had openly threatened Mr. Martin and told him he would damage the boat if he was not paid the wages he felt he had earned. Examination of the fire scene yielded evidence in the form of a gas can spout and top near the utility box affixed to the dock near the slip where the Southern Belle was tied.

This offense occurred in Okaloosa County Florida where your affiant is a sworn law enforcement officer. Based on the above, your affiant has just and reasonable cause to believe, and does believe, the defendant committed the offenses of Burglary to a Vessel; Possessing and Throwing a Destructive Device; Arson by Fire or Explosion resulting in damage to a place where persons are normally present; Arson by Fire or Explosion resulting in damage of the property of another (2 counts); and Arson which caused bodily harm to a Firefighter in violation of FSS 810.02(2b), 790.161(1), 806.01(1b); 806.01(2); and 806.031(1), respectively, and the actions of the defendant are contrary to the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STOKER, JASON C

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Signature (Arresting Officer)

Name

ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 13 day of August A.D., 2011 by \_\_\_\_\_

who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist			
8/13/2011 00:53	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No			
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs			
	Yes	Within jurisdiction	Yes	Unknown			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
107		STAHLMAN AVENUE		DESTIN	FL	32541	
Arresting Officer	Unit		(GEO)	3 - 25 - -	Officer Type		
255 STOKER, JASON C	OCSSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES						
Reporting Officer	Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction				
255 STOKER, JASON C	OCSSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES		OCSSO				
Forward to for approval							
OCSSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES							

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge  None  ROR/Sign

Cash  PTR

Any

Pro

PtdQ

Purge \_\_\_\_\_

SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 9/20/2011 Time: 15:30

Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

[ DISPOSITION ]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Release Time</u>	<u>Release Officer</u>
		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No

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Released To

Court Disposition Type

Court Disposition Description

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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- No Bill / Petition    
 Issue Warrant    
 Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date

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